

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS**

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Committee
Date of Meeting:	December 5, 2002
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas City Hall Committee Room

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL &
PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Rob Means, Bill Reisinger, Keith Scott, Larry Litchford; Eugene Simmons, Fred Zeise.

Absent: Arlene DeLeon; Daniel Cooke

Staff: Councilmember Dixon

Chair Bill Reisinger led the Committee and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III.
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor Dixon informed the Committee that Arlene DeLeon had been in a serious automobile accident earlier in the day. She is recuperating at home. The tree lighting ceremony was very successful with approximately 1,500 or more in attendance. The new City Council was sworn in on Tuesday, December 3, 2003. Vice Mayor Dixon outlined the Council liaison changes noting that she will be representing the City in regional transportation efforts.

Committee member Means stated that Santa Clara County released a new Bikeways Map, and that a map can be acquired on line at www.vta.org.

Vice Mayor Dixon stated that John Pilger, VTA's Information Officer, has moved to Milpitas and requested an appointment to the Citizens Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission.

**IV. APPROVAL OF
THE AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S: Means, Scott.

All Ayes

**V. APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES**

Committee member Means requested the following name corrections be made on the August 1st minutes to reflect the correct spelling of Michael Graff and the October minutes needs to reflect the correct spelling of Rich Withers

MOTION to approve the minutes of August 1, 2002, and

October 3, 2002, as amended.

M/S: Means, Scott.

All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

None present.

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Chair Reisinger congratulated staff on the slurry seal on Milpitas Boulevard, stating it was great.

Committee member Means noted that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Pedestrian/Bicycle Information Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill released a bike ability check list designed to help people rate how friendly their communities were for bicycling. More information can be found on the web site www.bicyclinginfo.org. Vice Mayor Dixon suggested it be compared to the maps completed for the Safe Routes to School program.

Committee member Means noted that due to the financial problems experienced by VTA, the BART extension to San Jose project could be significantly delayed or deferred. Vice Mayor Dixon expressed concern that if the BART extension were to be phased it could result in an end of the line stop in Milpitas.

Report on Safety

Committee member Means expressed displeasure with the current lack of restrictions on cell phone use while operating a moving vehicle. According to a recent article 2,600 people were killed on the roadways with the noted primary collision factor being cell phone usage.

Vice Mayor Dixon stated Steve Soriano took the time to go through various sections of the north part of Milpitas locating and reporting street light outages.

Report on Public Awareness

Committee member Means stated the results of the Summer Festival's Bike Corral , held the 17th and 18th of August parked 27 bicycles at the free Bike Corral during Saturday's event and 25 bikes parked on Sunday.

The Committee discussed whether to pursue a July 4th Historic Bike Rally.

New Business

Chair Reisinger stated the Eco Pass Survey 2002 was due. They discussed various ways the Eco Pass could be used within the community.

The Committee discussed the existing traffic circulation and parking problems near the library.

**VIII.
ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

M/S: Litchford, Simmons.

All Ayes

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS**

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Committee
Date of Meeting:	December 6, 2001
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Community Center, Rooms 7 and 8

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present:	Rob Means, Bill Reisinger, Larry Litchford; Eugene Simmons, Fred Zeise
Staff:	Arlene DeLeon; Councilmember Dixon
Absent:	Keith Scott, My-Hanh Nguyen

Chair Bill Reisinger led the Committee and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dixon stated that the annual school evacuation drill will take place in April at Pomeroy Elementary School. It will be the seventh year for this type of safety drill. Councilmember Dixon also noted that the Mid-Town Plan approval process was going well and that research was underway to determine if the Redevelopment Area could be expanded.

Traffic Engineer DeLeon distributed a draft copy of the "Scope of Services" for the Alternative Alignment Study for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing of the Union Pacific Railroad. Staff felt the study scope was comprehensive including up to six alternative alignments for study.

Committee Member Means distributed literature depicting electric motor vehicles noting that users of these vehicles will not be able to use streets other than those posted at 25 or 30 mph due to the top speed of these particular vehicles.

Committee Member Zeise inquired if there were a way to widen Montague Expressway at the railroad crossing to create a safer way for bicyclists to cross the tracks at Piper Drive. Ms. De Leon informed the Committee that the City was currently pursuing the widening of that portion of Montague Expressway. The design plans reflect a 10' shoulder and four lanes per direction from I 680 to Great Mall Parkway-Capitol Avenue.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MOTION to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S: Litchford, Means.

All Ayes.

**V. APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the minutes of October 4, 2001, as submitted.

M/S: Means, Litchford.

All Ayes

**VI. CITIZEN'S
FORUM**

None present.

VII. TOPICS

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Committee Member Means commented that the VTA had earmarked about \$3 million for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks in the vicinity of Yosemite and Curtis. Mr. Means felt that Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) technology could be a cheaper alternative. Ms. DeLeon suggested that VTA staff be approached with the suggestion, although as it is currently an unused technology that will be difficult to sell today as an alternative means of crossing the railroad tracks.

Councilmember Dixon stated that the Planning Commission will soon be attending an interregional partnership meeting. The City was the only city in Santa Clara County that had applied for grant money in this state.

Cell Phones

Councilmember Dixon stated the City Attorney had advised that that an individual city within the state could not mandate cell phone usage. Instead a proactive public education program could be pursued encouraging the use of hands-free units.

**VIII.
ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

M/S: Litchford, Zeise.

All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

<u>Rob Means:</u>	
<u>Bill Reisinger:</u>	

Arlene DeLeon:

Agendize Montague Widening for February and bring a copy of plans to February meeting;

**UNAPPROVED Minutes
CITY OF MILPITAS**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting: April 5, 2001

Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center, Rooms 7 and 8

I.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Bill Reisinger, Rob Means, Keith Scott, Zeya Mohsin, Eugene Simmons

Staff: Arlene DeLeon; Councilmember Dixon

Absent: Larry Litchford; My-Hanh Nguyen

Chair Bill Reisinger led the Committee and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Scott stated that this year's "Christmas in April" would be held on Saturday, April 21, and Saturday, April 28; in the Willow Glen area. Volunteers and skilled workers are needed.

Staff member DeLeon informed the Committee that the Council had approved alternates to all Commissions/Committees and that with the exception of the Youth Advisory Commission, all alternates would have a two

Chair Reisinger welcomed Eugene Simmons to the Committee as an alternate and presented him with a Certificate of Appointment.

Chair Reisinger stated he had received an email regarding a web site entitled walksanjose.org. The web site focuses on information for pedestrian oriented neighborhoods. It discusses ways of taking back the streets for share use (pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.), instead of the automobile focus we currently experience. Recently the San Jose Police Department, using a decoy pedestrian, issued 30 citations to motorists who failed to stop for a pedestrian in a cross walk.

IV.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S: Means, Scott. All Ayes

V.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Reisinger pointed out that under Citizen's Forum, the speaker should be

Fred Zeise; and under Topics/Request for Contribution, City 21 should read "Cities 21."

MOTION to approve the minutes of February 8, as amended.

M/S: Scott, Means. All Ayes

VI.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

None present.

VII.

TOPICS

Report on Bikeway and Pedestrian Improvements

Chair Reisinger noted that on a recent ride along McCarthy Blvd. he encountered so much debris that he could not continue to use the bike lane. He flagged a Public Works Inspector who was passing by, Nancy Mendizabal, who subsequently contacted someone to take care of the problem. The following day he was pleased to find the bike lane free of debris.

Chair Reisinger inquired as to the next scheduled date for repaving Dixon Landing Road. He noted that the eastbound direction, between the railroad tracks and Milpitas Boulevard, was looking pretty bad. Ms. DeLeon offered to look into the matter and inform Chair Reisinger directly.

Councilmember Dixon stated she had received comments from residents regarding the westbound lanes on Montague Expressway through the Great Mall-Capitol intersection. Ms. DeLeon noted that because of the construction of the LRT there had been some shifting of the travel lanes. She would contact the appropriate parties for its correction.

Councilmember Dixon informed the Committee that the Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission recently received a great presentation of the Berryessa Creek Trail system. That trail when completed will be a great benefit to everyone. Councilmember Dixon also noted that design of the traffic signal at the Calaveras/Piedmont-Evans intersection is on target for construction next Spring.

Committee member Means inquired as to the progress of the selection process for the UPRR Crossing Feasibility Study. Ms. DeLeon noted that the project was included in a master Request for Proposal (RFP) letter that was to be mailed shortly.

Report on Safety

Chair Reisinger observed that there was inadequate time to cross Tasman Drive at Alder. Staff DeLeon offered to investigate and correct the noted problem. Chair

Reisinger also noted the shift in sidewalk elevation at the Calaveras overpass was getting worse. Staff DeLeon will place added emphasis on this noted problem for prompt correction.

Councilmember Dixon advised the Committee that the San Jose City Council approved a project development for US DataPort, an internet server, that was proposing its own independent power source operated by diesel fuel generators.

This raised concerns not only of traffic but for air quality as well.

Ms. DeLeon announced the City was pursuing completion of Piedmont Road around St. John's cemetery. With construction of the roadway to its ultimate width there will no longer be a pinch point.

Public Awareness

Chair Reisinger stated May 17th was Bike to Work Day and inquired as to who was the City's liaison for the energy stations this year. Ms. DeLeon stated it was being handled by the two part time Transportation Interns. This year instead of a station at Milpitas/Calaveras, they were considering one at the McCarthy/Bellew intersection.

Chair Reisinger stated the Grand Opening of the Tasman East Light Rail station was scheduled for May 17.

VIII.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

M/S: Means, Mohsin. All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Rob Means:

Bill Reisinger: Check with library to determine if the display case is available; if it is, set it up similar to last year's display for "Bike to Work Day"

Arlene DeLeon: Check the pedestrian crossing time allocation at the Tasman/Alder interchange. The sidewalk step on the overpass to Calaveras Boulevard (check with Carol Randisi and Dennis Cuciz); Check on sign that advises bicyclist to use the paved road rather than the path (Bay Trail); Bicycle Corral on next agenda (re: the Art and Wine Festival in August)

**UNAPPROVED Minutes
CITY OF MILPITAS**

Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Committee

July 20, 2000

7:00 P.M.

Milpitas Community Center, Room 5

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Rob Means, Bill Reisinger, Keith Scott

Staff: Arlene DeLeon; Councilmember Dixon

Absent: Eric Donkers, Cynthia Levikow My-Hanh Nguyen; Larry Litchford

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff member Arlene DeLeon announced that planning for the grand opening of North McCarthy Blvd. scheduled for August 5, 2000 was going well. The Ford Motor Classic Car Club has agreed to join in the celebration by leading the vehicle motorcade. Fire and Police Safety elements will also be represented at the celebration. Many of the businesses within the McCarthy Marketplace have shown their support through a contribution that will be raffled to those present. BTAC's support was welcomed at the event. There will be information regarding City services, BTAC members to be present and distribute bicycle information; information would be available from the Neighborhood Beautification program, and there would also be recycled materials information. Committee Chair Means stated he would bring and demonstrate an electric scooter at the event.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. DeLeon stated the Committee has been asked by the Mayor to consider its representation at the Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Advisory Committee for the upcoming two-year term. According to the letter received last week, Bill Reisinger's term had officially expired on June 30, 2000. The Mayor requested BTAC consider endorsing a representative for the upcoming term. Given the timeliness of the request, consideration of this item tonight is needed.

MOTION to place the appointment of a representative to the Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Advisory Committee on the agenda under public awareness.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All Ayes

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of June 1, 2000, as submitted.

M/S: Scott, Reisinger. All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

None present.

VII. TOPICS

Mid-town Specific Plan

Principal Planner Steve Burkey outlined the Mid-Town Specific Plan, explaining that it would cover approximately two square miles of Main Street. As part of the public involvement process, a number of community meetings had been held. The plan was complex and would include revisions to the circulation plan. The favored proposal is to re-stripe a segment of north Main Street to eliminate the bike lanes. This would allow the space to be used for on-street parking, a feature desired by many for a downtown area. Since the revision would downgrade current bicycle access, concurrence from BTAC was desired.

The Committee suggested the following be considered:

- Diagonal parking along one side;
- High Density Housing would be highly desirable;
- Retain bike lanes on Main Street to the extent possible and implement traffic calming measures so that bicyclist and motorists can more easily share the road;
- Limit the area for bike route designation; and
- Another street connection between Main and Abel Street is desirable.

MOTION to recommend support of the Midtown Specific Plan with the following preferred options:

- Pursue High Density Housing alternative, particularly around LRT stations;
- Provide for Bike Lane/Route on a Slow, "traffic calmed" Main Street;
- Include accommodations for an over-crossing from Curtis to Yosemite; and
- Consider another street connection between Main to Abel, north of Corning.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All Ayes

Report on Public Awareness

Councilmember Dixon inquired if the Committee would want to provide t-shirts for events that BTAC members participate in. Staff would follow-up on this idea through a contact with the Recreation Supervisor.

The Committee discussed the need for volunteers to staff the Bike Corral at the August Art and Wine Festival during the weekend of August 19/20, 2000.

The Committee discussed the importance of being involved with the Santa Clara Valley Authority's Bicycle Committee and inquired if Bill wished to be re-appointed. Mr. Reisinger thanked the committee yet expressed a desire to give someone else an opportunity to serve. Bill nominated Rob Means. Chair Means was agreeable.

MOTION to recommend the Mayor appoint Rob Means as Milpitas' representative to the Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Advisory Committee.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All Ayes

/III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. to the regularly scheduled meeting of October 5, 2000.

M/S: Reisinger, Means. All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Rob Means: Contact the Chamber regarding the location of the bike corral at the Arts and Wine Festival.

Bill

Reisinger:

Arlene Check with RCS Supervisor regarding t-shirts.

DeLeon: Check on Global event to be held on October 7th and email Committee members with the information.

BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRIOR MINUTES ARCHIVE

Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Committee

October 7, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.

Milpitas Community Center, Rooms 7 and 8

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Rob Means, Bill Reisinger, Keith Scott,
Eric Donkers, and My-Hanh Nguyen;

Staff: Arlene DeLeon

Absent: Larry Litchford, Councilmember Dixon

Chair Rob Means led the Committee and audience
in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arlene DeLeon announced that Councilmember
Dixon had a conflict due to the opening of the new
Math and Science building, a project she has been
working on for several years as part of the Bond
Oversight Committee.

Staff DeLeon announced the City will be hosting a
free seminar titled "Walkable & Bicycle-Friendly
Communities Workshop. The seminar is sponsored
by the Traffic Safe Communities Workshop and
other organizations including the Silicon Valley
Bicycle Coalition. The seminar will be held on
November 15, 1999, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Chair Means stated the Milpitas Post had an article

on the expansion of the DARE program and was concerned about the fact that the Police Department may experience some shortfalls possibly eliminating the bicycle safety elements. Ms. DeLeon noted that bicycle safety is included in the Safe Routes to School Program.

Mr. Means informed the Committee that the Bicycle Master Plan had been approved by the City Council on September 7, 1999. The Milpitas Post covered the item in an article.

Committee member Reisinger spoke on an article that covered a workshop on Implementing a Bicycle Citation Diversion Program that was held today (October 7, 1999).

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Means requested an item be added to the agenda to request the City Council forward a letter to Caltrans supporting the hiring of a dedicated staff person in District 4 to serve as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. The item was time sensitive and needed to be discussed that evening.

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of the requested item.

M/S: Donkers, Reisinger. All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of August 5, 1999, as submitted.

M/S: Donkers, Reisinger All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Peter French, 2819 Lucena Drive, San Jose, 95132, expressed concern about the condition of Montague Expressway at the railroad crossings near Capitol Avenue. Mr. French was informed that Montague Expressway was under the County jurisdiction. Ms. DeLeon would research who the County/VTA BAC's liaison was and provide that information to Mr. French. Mr. French inquired if he should write a letter directly to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and was informed that letters from residents were always helpful. He could also consider attending a County BAC meeting.

VII. TOPICS

Report on Safety

Vice Chair Donkers stated that at the Murphy Park tennis court area, cars were butting up to the crosswalk, causing visibility problems. Committee member Nguyen stated there was a similar problem at the Hetch-Hetchy right-of-way that crosses Kevenaire Drive.

Committee member Reisinger commented on the sidewalk problem on Calaveras Boulevard westbound from Milpitas Boulevard to Abel Street. Staff will request preventive maintenance from City staff and Caltrans.

Committee member Scott expressed concern that broken glass was not being cleared from bicycle paths or on streets; that bottles were being thrown out of vehicles in the vicinity of Calaveras Road and Piedmont Road.

Report on Bikeway and Pedestrian Improvements

The Committee was asked to provide a bikeway/pedestrian improvement wish list. Chair Means and Committee member Reisinger presented their wish lists to the Committee, and the Committee discussed the items, removing some and suggesting others be considered for further Committee discussion.

Chair Mean's Wish List:

1. Secure midyear funding of \$30,000 for a feasibility study of the proposed Yosemite/Curtis bike/ped connector across the railroad tracks. (CIP)
2. Complete the Hetch-Hetchy linear trail from Town Center to the northern City limits by completing the last 100-yard stretch between Washington and Coelho.
3. Create a bicycle licensing program. (Bring back at December meeting)

Committee member Reisinger's Wish List:

1. Repaint all bike lanes and symbols on City streets.
2. Promote a proposal to supplement the bike route/lane signs with "Bikes Belong"; "We share the road"; "Wrong Way".
3. Audit bike traffic on major bikeways (i.e., Main Street, Abel Street, Milpitas Boulevard, Great Mall/Tasman, Montague Expressway).
4. Work with Parks and Recreation to plan a City-wide event for a "Bicycle Day" which could include a bike ride, picnic, and entertainment.

Committee member Scott's Wish List:

1. Clean bike lanes/paths more often (especially on Calaveras Road).
2. Straighten the bicycle delineation lines on each of Piedmont Road.

The Committee also discussed the desire to place bike racks at McCarthy Ranch.

New Business

Comments regarding the 1999 Art & Wine Festival included: the bike corral was not well situated and signage was not adequate. Because the Festival had a linear layout, the corral was not useable by those accessing the Festival from the south.

Rob Means provided information to the Committee regarding the need to formally endorse the request by asking the Council to sign a letter to be sent to Caltrans -District 4 requesting that they hire a Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator for just the district. Caltrans does employ a bicycle/pedestrian coordinator for the State who is located in Sacramento. The number of roadway projects in this area makes it difficult for that individual to be effective in plan reviews that would ensure the integrity and integration of bicycle

routes/lanes/access.

MOTION to request the City Council write a letter to Caltrans in support of hiring a District 4 Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All ayes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 9:32 p.m.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

<i>Rob Means:</i>	
<i>Bill Reisinger:</i>	
<i>Keith Scott</i>	
<i>Arlene DeLeon:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Provide County/VTA BAC Staff Liaison information to Mr. Peter French (pfrench@lmco.com)● Murphy Park tennis court area - cars butting up to the crosswalk; Kevenaire-Jacklin (to Russell)● e-mail Caltrans regarding sidewalk problem on Calaveras Blvd. W/B Milpitas to Abel (potential ADA problem??)● Provide Bill Reisinger with a "Street Sweeping" schedule● Request the replacement of the 2' high reflectors on Calaveras Road.● Request attention be given to removing or sweeping broken glass from bicycle lanes/paths.● Agendize bicycle licensing program.● Provide traffic count information for Main Street, Abel Street, Milpitas Boulevard, Great Mall Parkway, Tasman Drive, and Montague Expressway.

**Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory
Committee**

June 3, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.

Milpitas Community Center, Rooms 7 and 8

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Rob Means, Bill Reisinger, Keith Scott,
Larry Litchford, Eric Donkers, My-Hanh
Nguyen; and Cynthia Levikow

Staff: Arlene DeLeon;

Absent: Councilmember Dixon

Chair Rob Means led the Committee and audience
in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. DeLeon informed the Committee that they
received the consultant's updates to the Bicycle
Plan. A Goals and Implementing Policies section
was added to the Plan. Comments from the
Planning Division will be incorporated tonight.

Committee member Reisinger stated he would be
attending Wheel Deal 6 on Friday, June 25, 1999,
at Intel's main building site from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Committee member Litchford led a bicycle tour of
Historical places in Milpitas during the Sunnyhills
Bikefest. The Bikefest was well attended.

Vice Chair Donkers stated the Hetch-Hetchy
right-of-way path that ended at the County line and
goes to Augustine Park; was wonderful/fantastic in
the way it was landscaped, etc.

Committee member Scott reminded the Committee
that the "Relay for Life" event would be held on
Friday, June 25, 1999.

Chair Means noted that the 4th of July event was

advertising free gifts to participants who arrived by bike, walking, car-pooling, or public transit. He was pleased to see a monthly transportation column in the post written by the City's Transportation Planner, Joe Oliva.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Donkers requested the 4th of July Bicycle Corral be added under New Business.

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended.

M/S: Donkers, Litchford. All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

At the special meeting in May the committee reviewed the draft Bikeway Master Plan Document and discussed the planning process. Those comments are incorporated in the version to be reviewed tonight.

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

None present.

VII. TOPICS

Bikeway Master Plan

The Committee reviewed the Bikeway Master Plan and made the following changes:

Pg	Para	Line	Comments
3	1	3	these shopping centers
3	2	8	or showers (add "s")
3	2	12-13	for children, employees and families
4	1	2	Add to the end of sentences: "have been given an beginner, intermediate or advanced rating."
4	2	1 st Sentence	Bullet the individual items

5	Parks & Rec Facilities		Take out "Club Sport" Add: "Milpitas Community Center"
6	2	3-4	Remove all information in parenthesis
8	3rd Bullet		Add: "imported" before "resources"
13	Class I	14	10' should be metric
17	III		Remove "GENERAL PLAN"
17	III		Change paragraph to read: Each "Guiding Principle" is followed by a series of "implementing Policies" that are actions to be undertaken in order to achieve the results called for by the "Guiding Principles."
Pg	Para	Line	Comments
17	GP-1	1	Remove: "safe and"
17	GP-1	a)	Remove totally
17	GP-1	c); line 4	Remove sentence: "Arterial streets will. . . bicycling."
17	GP-1	d)	add dashes in "right-of-way"
18	GP-1	h)	Use: Prohibit speed bumps and other street features that hinder bicycling on public streets. Discourage its use on private parking lots whenever possible."

18	GP-2	Implementing Policies	<p>To read:</p> <p>a) Install bicycle lockers and/or racks at all public/civic buildings and other community facilities.</p> <p>b) Encourage existing shopping centers, businesses, and schools to install bicycle parking facilities.</p> <p>c) Encourage new development to include end-of-trip facilities such as secure bike parking, on-site showers and clothing storage lockers, commute maps and bicycle repair equipment.</p>
19	GP-3	a)	<p>To read:</p> <p>"Support arrangements that accommodate bicycles.</p>
Pg	Para	Line	Comments
19	GP-3	b)	<p>Change the word "Require" to "Recommend"</p>
19	GP-3	c)	<p>Delete:</p> <p>"Amtrak station"</p> <p>Replace With</p> <p>"commuter/passenger stations"</p>
19	GP-4	a)	<p>Delete:</p> <p>"Publish and"</p> <p>Replace With:</p> <p>"Continue to"</p>

19	GP-4	c)	Should read: "Consider providing a fleet of City bicycles for staff use."
19	GP-4	e)	Should read: "Encourage the exchange of information with other BACs."
18	GP-5	1	<p>Should read: "Promote increased funding for annual maintenance and capital improvement for bicycle projects."</p> <p><u>Implementing Policies</u></p> <p>a) Promote the use of a percentage of the Streets budget for bicycle and pedestrian projects.</p> <p>b) Actively pursue external grant funds for bicycle and pedestrian capital improvements projects.</p> <p>c) Encourage developer contributions toward pedestrian and bicycle capital improvement projects and end-of-trip support facilities.</p>
20	Bicycle Policy -	2 nd Para 1 st line	Should read: "Since 1991, the City has"

21	2-4		All references to "feet, foot, inch" should be metric
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The Committee took a five minute break at 9:30 p.m., and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

MOTION to have staff bring back the final draft of the Bikeway Master Plan to the Committee's August 5, 1999, meeting for formal adoption.

M/S: Scott, Donkers. All Ayes.

Letter of Support Promoting the Position of Bay Area Bicycle Plan

Chair Means stated that in the Rebac Recorder, there was an article (page 4) talking about the bicycle/pedestrian coordinator for the entire Bay Area instead of just a statewide coordinator. Staff DeLeon suggested contacting the exiting coordinator to determine his views before taking action. The committee agreed.

MOTION to have Chair Means pursue this item with staff and provide an update at a later time.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All Ayes

4th of July Celebration

The Committee coordinated their assignment for the celebration.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

M/S: Donkers, Litchford All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

<u>Rob Means:</u>	Draft a letter of resolution for Council consideration that addresses having a bicycle representative at Caltrans and provide an update.
<u>Bill Reisinger</u>	
<u>Keith Scott</u>	

<u>Arlene DeLeon:</u>	<p>Check Problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S/B S. Milpitas Blvd./Beresford Dr. - left turn lane will not activate for 1st vehicle. ● S/B N. Milpitas at Dixon Landing - Left Turn lane does not pick up bicycles ● Milmont also ● S/B S. Park Victoria near Landess (right turn lane-people making left turns from Morrill; traffic in right turn lane; light never turns green at that point to stop the left turn traffic to allow people to make the right turn)
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**BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
 COMMITTEE
 CITY OF MILPITAS
 REGULAR MEETING
 March 4, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.
 Milpitas Community Center Auditorium
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Rob Means, Bill Reisinger, Keith Scott,
 Larry Litchford, Eric Donkers, and
 Cynthia Levikow;

Staff: Arlene DeLeon; Councilmember Dixon

Absent: My-Hanh Nguyen

There was no Pledge of Allegiance as the
 auditorium lacked a flag.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dixon presented Committee
 member Levikow a certificate of appreciation for
 her service to the Bicycle Transportation Advisory

Committee.

Councilmember Dixon informed the Committee that valet parking was being considered at the Great Mall and the owners are interested in seeing Comet Drive closed. The Council wants to see the bike lane system improved around the Mall.. Staff Arlene DeLeon noted that a wide bike path is shown on the plans that also incorporate a new aisle extending from Great Mall Drive through the outer ring road to the mall building. As an alternative to closure, staff was considering proposing a raised intersection at the future intersection with the Parc Metropolitan residential development.

Keith Scott announced he had read an article in the San Jose Mercury about a robot who talked about bicycle safety to the children. The Committee discussed bicycle related issues including educating children at the elementary school level on the proper use of bicycles.

Eric Donkers stated that he had spoken to the owners of the Sun Bike Shop in Milpitas and was pleased to find that they were very much interested in participating in community events, possibly a partnership for the 4th of July Festival

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Committee member Reisinger requested that the 1999-2000 Budget Request be heard first on the agenda. Chair Means granted the request.

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott: All Ayes

V. CITIZEN'S FORUM

None present.

VI. TOPICS

1999-2000 Budget Request

Ms. DeLeon stated that BTAC's 1998-1999 budget request was for \$725. While it seemed that opportunities for conferences were slim, Ms. DeLeon did receive notice of a bike festival in Sonoma County

sponsored by the American Bicyclist Association. The flyer was circulated.

Committee member Reisinger requested that every member of the Committee receive a copy of the Spinning Crank. Vice Chair Donkers expressed the same request, stating the publication tied together information from all of the bicycle advisory committees in the County. Other items considered by the Committee for funding consideration were: the Bicycle Friendly City Designation; a smaller amount to be set aside for future conferences similar to the Livable Communities seminar held a few years ago; and funding for items to give to the community at events where the bike corral is used. They considered obtaining bike reflectors with the City's insignia.

MOTION to submit BTAC's 1999-2000 Budget Request in the amount of \$650 to the City Council for consideration of which \$250 to be used for conferences; \$175 to go towards the Bicycle Friendly City Application, \$150 towards a group discounted subscription for 10, of the Spinning Crank.; and \$75 to cover the cost of videos or other public relations material.

M/S: Reisinger, Donkers. All Ayes

McCarthy Extension on-Street Connectors

Ms. DeLeon reviewed earlier discussions with City of San Jose staff whereby a compromise solution was conceptually agreed upon that would allow for the continuation of the future Coyote Creek Trail/Bay Trail into Alameda County. The compromise

design combined the southbound bike lane with the sidewalk for the segment and distance in which the trails and McCarthy Blvd. came together. This maintained the integrity of the bike lane system proposed for McCarthy Blvd. while still providing continuous access to the recreational Bay Trail. Cyclists traveling southbound would need to mount a 10' sidewalk section re-entering the road at a point approximately 1200' to the south. This concept was fit into the already approved roadway width.

Recently, as part of the plan review process and in keeping with the recently approved county design guidelines for trail construction, a 5' buffer is needed between the trail edge and the roadway. Without the buffer, the City of San Jose was advocating the installation of a fence and railing along the curb edge. Staff was able to convince San Jose staff to defer installation of the fence. This would give the City's Bicycle Committee an opportunity to comment on the design. The fence would again be pursued with construction of the Bay Trail. Staff is concerned with the message such a fence conveys. When looking at the City's Trail Plan together with the Bicycle plan, one can see the opportunities for shared use provided, a less than ideal buffer zone is found acceptable. Ms. DeLeon requested the Committee advise staff as to the appropriate design features.

MOTION to delete installation of any fence along McCarthy Blvd.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All Ayes

Report on Safety

Committee member Scott stated vehicles were driving in the bicycle lane along Piedmont Road north of Landess. Staff was asked to investigate the placement of raised pavement markers to accentuate the bike lane line.

Electric Scooters

Chair Means informed the Committee of a dilemma facing the future use of electric scooters. According to the Police Department, the electric scooters need to be registered as a motor vehicle. However, the requirements for registering the scooter does not take into consideration the scooter's advanced technology and the fact that this type of transportation is more akin to an electric bicycle rather than a car. Mr. Means suggested the Committee consider recommending to the City Council that they enact a local ordinance exempting electric scooters from registering, allowing these to be used wherever bicycles go. Chair Means stated his concerns are those of a private citizen and that he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest.

Vice Chair Donkers took over the meeting.

Ms. DeLeon explained that the electric scooter was of concern to the police department because of its speed and while it required registration to be used on the street, it operated at too high of a speed to be allowed on the sidewalks. Councilmember Dixon inquired if bicycling were legally allowed on sidewalks and Ms. DeLeon stated "technically no."

MOTION to continue the item to the April 1, 1999, meeting and to request the applicant bring an electric scooter for viewing.

M/S: Reisinger, Litchford.

Committee member Scott suggested the matter be placed on the World Wide Web to obtain feedback and that perhaps, other bicycle committee's including the County Bicycle Committee could be sought for input.

VOTE ON MOTION: Ayes: 4
Abstain: 1 (Means)

**Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing
connecting Curtis Avenue to
Yosemite Drive**

Ms. DeLeon stated that in response to Councilmember Dixon's comment at the Committee Recognition Dinner, she suggested submitting a project to fund a feasibility study for a future pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing over the railroad tracks connecting Curtis Avenue to Yosemite Drive. The project has been placed on the future wish list and is consistent with previously expressed desires from the Committee. Councilmember Dixon stated the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Commission would possibly support a feasibility study. The project had appeal in that it could also serve the future commuter rail station and the future Light Rail station being proposed on Great Mall Parkway. The overcrossing would also serve the community and the commercial activities at the Great Mall.

MOTION to recommend the City Council consider funding a feasibility study for a pedestrian/bicycle

overcrossing from Curtis Avenue to Yosemite Drive as part of the current year projects.

M/S: Donkers, Litchford. All Ayes.

It was suggested that a survey of the area businesses be conducted to determine interest level.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. All Ayes

**BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
CITY OF MILPITAS
REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.
Milpitas Community Center, Rooms 7 and 8
APPROVED MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Rob Means, Bill Reisinger, Keith Scott, Larry Litchford, Eric Donkers, and Cynthia Levikow; Staff: Arlene DeLeon; Councilmember Dixon

Absent: My-Hanh Nguyen

Chair Rob Means led the Committee and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff DeLeon requested the agenda be taken out of order to allow Council member Dixon an opportunity to address items of interest to the Committee prior to leaving to attend another meeting. Councilmember Dixon stated she had the opportunity to attend the first SR-237/I-880 outreach education program. There were

approximately a half dozen business firms in attendance. The program was well received and a color rendition of the proposed reconstructed interchange was distributed. The interchange has an estimated 32 month construction schedule and will have an unavoidable significant impact on Milpitas traffic. The extension of North McCarthy Boulevard to Dixon Landing Road is scheduled for completion by July, 1999 and the Tasman bridge over the Coyote Creek is scheduled to open in a month or so. On the horizon is a special City Council meeting scheduled for February 25, 1999, regarding the Great Mall Expansion project. Pedestrian and bicycle access has been noted as an important aspect to integrate within the plans.

Ms. DeLeon stated that based on a recent conversation with Jana Sokale, the Committee could expect a draft bicycle plan for the April 1, 1999, meeting. May 18, 1999, had been designated as "Bike-To-Work Day."

Chair Means stated the East Bay Bicycle Coalition was holding a President's Day retreat on Monday, February 15, 1999, and passed out information to the members.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. DeLeon requested an item be added to the agenda regarding appropriate signage for bicyclists and pedestrians during construction for the upgrading of the SR237/I880 interchange project, explaining that the matter was urgent. Chair Means granted the request.

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended.

M/S: Levikow, Scott. All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Committee member Litchford requested correction to page 4, 1st sentence which reads "easterly limits of Scott Creek Boulevard" be corrected to read "easterly limits of Old Calaveras/Evans Road."

MOTION to approve the minutes of December 3, 1998, as amended.

M/S: Donkers, Scott. All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

None present.

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bikeway and Pedestrian Improvements

Calaveras Walkway

Ms. DeLeon reviewed and explained the current Calaveras Walkway plans with the Committee. Staff was looking to include the walkway project with the design of the approved traffic signal for the Calaveras/Piedmont-Evans intersection. Ms. DeLeon noted that some right-of-way for the intersection may have to be purchased. Staff is proposing a conventional width sidewalk be constructed behind the new curb and gutter while providing sufficient width in the curb lanes to accommodate cyclists as a bike route. Ms. DeLeon suggested signs be erected making it permissive for bicyclists to use the path. With this design, the City avoids any conflict with the trails guidelines for bike paths which requires a 5' buffer from the road edge. The TDA grant partially funds this project for a walkway and bikeway from Gadsden to Temple Drive.

Bikeway Around the Great Mall Buildings

Ms. DeLeon discussed the existing striped two way bike path which circles the Great Mall building asking for suggestions to improve the path. Ms. DeLeon pointed out the specified loading zones which would by design create some conflict with the users of the bike path. It was suggested that raised pavement markers be used at a closer spacing (about 5") to accentuate

the path, increasing everyone's awareness to the path. The Committee did not see a conflict with the designated loading zones for, even along surface streets, bicyclists must be ready to react to a vehicle that may cross over a lane for parking or to complete a right turn.

MOTION to request staff include the placement of raised pavement markers along the outside stripe of the bike path that surround the complex with a maximum 5' spacing.

M/S: Reisinger, Scott. Ayes: All

McCarthy Boulevard Extension and the Bay Trail Connector

Ms. DeLeon explained that with the extension of McCarthy Boulevard, the proponents of the Bay Trails viewed this as an opportunity to connect with and extend the trail into the City of Fremont. Trail design guidelines calls for the installation of a fence and jersey rail when a proposed path has less than a 5' buffer zone from the street edge. Because the City agreed to a compromise that combines the southbound bike lane with the sidewalk, the desired buffer zone is not provided. .

The Committee discussed use of jersey rails with fencing, noting a similar situation of a marginal offset to the road would exist with the proposed Calaveras Road bike and pedestrian walkway project. Even though the trail guidelines are meant to improve safety for all users of the path, the Committee felt the desired fence would actually interfere or inhibit a cyclists' ability to share the facility. Bicyclists already yield to

pedestrians when using the sidewalk and this would be a similar situation.

Ms. DeLeon stated she would re-agendize this item and have the plans available so the Committee would have a clearer picture of what is being proposed.

Status of Abel Street Walkway

Ms. DeLeon informed the Committee that progress has not been made in their communications with the Santa Clara County Water District that has jurisdiction over the creeks and channels. Committee member Reisinger inquired about signing in two or three languages directing pedestrians to use the cross walk on west side. He was reminded of the existing pedestrian barricade at Abel/Weller noting the need to continue to rely on standard signs and markings that does not provide for multi-language signs. Without the Water District's approval to use the path behind the wall, the proposal could not proceed. Committee member Litchford expressed reservation with the proposal noting that we could be creating problems associated with safety and access. No further action was desired.

SR-237/I-880 Signs

Ms. DeLeon explained that currently the contractors blocked off the sidewalks at the interchange without the State's concurrence. Apparently the plans and specifications did not reference the need to maintain access for pedestrians and bicyclists during construction and there were no signs posted around the construction site alerting the public to the access

disruption. Staff was requested to bring the matter to the Committee for suggestions regarding how and where signs need to be installed. Committee member Donkers inquired if one side of the construction site was available for bicyclists to use until the Tasman overpass was completed. He was informed that there were no provisions for bicyclists while the site was under construction other than to ride in the middle of the narrower lanes. Different types of signs and their messages were discussed with displeasure being expressed at the situation. The discussion of prohibiting access altogether was hotly debated.

MOTION to recommend the construction of billboard type signs, placed prior to the SR-237/I-880 project, prohibiting bicyclist and pedestrian access during construction.

M/S: Reisinger, Litchford.

Ms. DeLeon confirmed that billboard type signs, oversized construction advisory signs, prohibiting bicyclists and pedestrians and advising the use of alternate routes during construction could be placed on Abbott Avenue before SR-237; on either side of Abel Street well in advance of SR-237; on the Calaveras overpass; and along SR-237 on either side of the interchange as well as McCarthy Boulevard.

VOTE ON MOTION: Ayes: 3 Noes: 2
(Means, Donkers)

Ms. DeLeon confirmed her understanding that there was a clear consensus for the use of the advisory signs given the facts on hand. The 3:2

vote was more an issue of the prohibition versus advisory signs. There was total agreement.

Report on Safety

Committee member Reisinger reported sidewalk problems on Calaveras overpass.

Vice Chair Donkers stated that along eastbound Montague Expressway, east of Old Oakland Road and east of Capital, there were critical problems for cyclists. Lighting was difficult in those areas and the railroad tracks could not be seen in the evening. Bicyclists need to merge into the commuter lane to safely cross the railroad track area.

Chair Means stated Sinclair Frontage Road also had a sidewalk and lighting problem just south of Wrigley way, on the east side.

Committee member Scott stated that along southbound Piedmont Road prior to Yosemite he has observed vehicles traveling in the bicycle lane. In the northbound direction just before the cemetery, vehicles were habitually traveling across the striped bike lane. Staff will consider the use of pavement markers to identify the edge of travel lane.

Parking Problems adjacent to Milpitas High School

Ms. DeLeon recapped the Council's direction regarding parking problems at the High School and stated that it was a temporary solution for the duration of this school year. She informed the Committee that the Council would like BTAC's input on ways of encouraging students to use

alternate means of transportation instead of their cars.

The Committee suggested providing incentives to students and faculty to use alternative forms of transportation, such as: student/faculty permit sharing; increase parking permit fees; distribution of free Eco passes by using parking permit fees to offset the cost of the pass; promote residential permit sharing; and reward those who could, yet do not, drive.

New Business

Ms. DeLeon informed the Committee that the Standardized Emergency Management System Training (SEMS) training was scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 1999, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

1999-2000 Budget Request

The Committee expressed desire to budget for the following:

- The bi-monthly Spinning Crank newsletter for each member
- League of American Bicyclists membership
- Santa Barbara Conference

Given the hour and the need to submit a budget request by early March, the Committee agreed to hold a special meeting on March 4, 1999, to complete its discussion on this and other timely items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. to March 4, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

M/S: Reisinger, Donkers All Ayes